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28 November 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, Development Projects Division

5UBJECT: Development Projects Division Authorized Strength

SUFERENCES: A. Breakdown of DPD on Board Strength vs.

Authorized Strength as of 14 October 1950.

B. Memorandum for DD/P, dated 21 November 1960, from AC/DFD, Subjects "Detachment B". (Idea-0056)

i. Reference A presented in column one a summary of the Enthorized strength of DPD by components which is in accord 25X1 with the records of SSA/DDS. I understand this covers only Agency and assigned Military personnel, chargeable to the Agency's personnel cailing, and that it excludes contractor personnel of all types. The breakdown about in Reference A was obviously necessarily out of date because it could not as of that date reflect certain pending decisions about the future organization of IDEALIST activities. Accordingly, in response to my request you submitted Reference B on 21 November, the attachments to which give modified T/O figures for the three components of DPD (Edwards, that constitute the Idealist capability.

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2. In an effort to keep track of DPD's requirements for personnel I have compared below the authorized strength by component as of 14 October with the modified figures submitted with Reference B.

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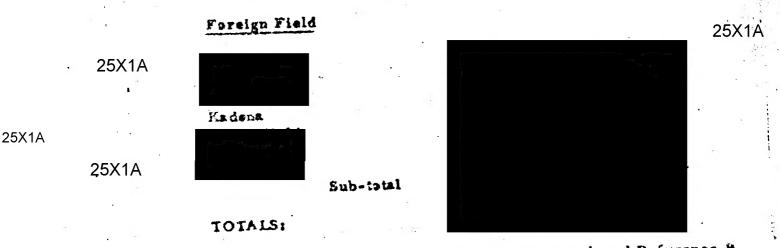
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The main changes reflected above as between Reference A and Reference B are the reduction of to a token force, a slight increase in the personnel required and a sizeable increase in the T/O for Edwards. Taken together these changes would permit a net reduction of 30 in the total authorized strength of the Division.

3. I am well aware of course that you contemplate certain other changes in authorized strength. I understand you need some increase in Headquarters. I know of no recent developments, however, that would 25X1 justify any increase in the supply depot, Eglin or Kadena or in the Detachment. I believe you should take a hard look at the unit described as "Field Sup Compi". I am unclear what this is or why we have to have a supplementary complement if Edwards is to have an authorized strength of 52 exclusive of any such complement. I also question the need for an many under present circumstances. As fermour plans at as 5 people at Headquarters, I sincerely hope the most rigorous efforts are being made to live with a minimum increase in strength. I realize that activities in support of JMARC may place temporarily a heavy burden on the Division. On the other hand, this coincides at a time when IDEALIST activities are at a minimum and are most unlikely to require anthing like as many manhours as they did prior to last May. You should make every effort to see to it that personnel, especially in Operations, are used flexibly to meet whatever needs are most urgent at any given time so as to avoid a situation in which certain Ops personnel are underemployed whil others are overworked.

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4. I am aware that you will in due time present a proposed revised T/O for Headquarters. In the meanwhile, I would like to know whether any of the components of DPD for which T/Os were not furnished with Reference B are subject to change. I might say that I intend to take advantage of the reduction of Detachment B to achieve some reduction in the authorized strength for the Division as a whole reflecting the gradual shift of our resources away from IDEALIST into new programs as evidenced by the sizeable build up at Base D provided for in your present authorized strength.

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